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To Whom it May Concern:

I am a software developer in the defense industry and have been following the anti-trust case against Microsoft. I do not think that the proposed settlement adequately punishes Microsoft for it's crimes against the American people in restraining free trade, nor will it discourage Microsoft from similar future behavior. Microsoft has shown no remorse for its actions; anything short of a heavy penalty (such as removing copyright protections for Windows) is an insult to the rule of law. Furthermore, attempts to monitor Microsoft's good behavior in the fast-paced tech industry will always be several steps behind.

In my view, the software industry, due to the high fixed cost and very low marginal cost of developing software, has a weakness for monopoly formation. We need a government willing to actively police our industry and enforce the antitrust laws.

Sincerely,
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